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In September 1937, the Appalachian Fair Association, Incorporated was established as a Tennessee Agricultural Nonprofit Corporation. The fair has grown significantly over the years, with a strong focus on promoting agriculture and rural life in the Appalachian Highlands.

Today, the Appalachian Fair is a major attraction, drawing visitors from all over the region. It offers a wide range of entertainment, competitions, and educational opportunities, with a strong emphasis

on agriculture. The fairgrounds host numerous events throughout the year, making it a vibrant hub for the community.